Cooperstown Courier.

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EPITOME OF THE NEWS.

Washington Gossip.

In regard to the resolution adopted on the 8th inst., by the house calling on the postmaster general to examine into the trath in the state cuts to the effect that a British spy named O'Brien had ibeen allowed to tamper with American mails at New York, where plans were laid to trap new 10rs, where plats were failed to the unfortunate mea, some of them American citizens recently tried an i sente ced to Liverpool, Postmas er General Gresham said he had absolutely no knowledge of anything of the kind aving taken place. Sharpe, chief of postoffics inspectors, has been directed to proceed immediately to New York and personally make a thor-ough investigation into the truth of the charges.

Congressman D. B. Henderson of Iowa has prepared a bill for the general pensioning of soldiers of the late war and others. His proposition is to give a pension to every soldier who served for six months in any war, provided he is now pensionable for disabilities. He would have the ruing depend entir-1y upon the character and ex-tent of the disability, and without any reference to rank. Another feature is that every man who served six months, was hon-orably discharged and has reached the age of sixty-five years, independent of any dis-ability, is given a pension provided he ac-tually needs it.

Srceetary Chandler is making arrangements to have the bodies of Lieut. Commander De Long and companion, appropriately received upon the arrival at New York. He will direct that a committe : of navy officers be d tailed to receive the bodies, and they will be accompanied by relatives and friends of the deceused. Upon reaching New York the bodies will be taken to the mavy yard, where a tem erary yaut will be erected in birth for the mary source will be erected in which they will remain until finally in-terred in accordance with the wishes of their

The foliowing will be inserted in the office regulations of the signal bureau under direction of Gen. H: zen. A white flag with a black center shall be used to indicate a c id wave approaching. Whenever it is a vicipa ed that he temperature will fall decidedly below normal, the assistant in charge of the indications division will in charge of the indications division with stadt legrams to the observers at Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, Nashville and Cincinnati, 'hoist cold signals," and will direct them lowered when the temperature has raised to minimum.

It is ramored in army circles that, since he retirement of Gen. McKenzie, Gen. Creok will be sent to Omaha to take charge of the department of the Platte, where he was formerly so popular, and gen O.O. Howard, now commanding there, will be transferred to Arizona, and permitted to carry out certain views as to the settlement of the Indian question on the border.

Senator Hill has introduced a bill to re. quire that a government building be constructed in every city and town of the Umon in which the postmester draws a salary of \$1,060 and over. Hill says that this policy would save the government \$1,000,000 per year rent.

The president on the 7th inst., nominated Oscar Malmros of St. Paul to be United States consul at Leith, Scotland. The name of E.S. Worthington was also presen-ted for the postmastership at Little Falls, and that of H. Kemper for a like position at Durban Perham.

Postoffice established-Wisconsin, Eden Langlade county. Postoffice name changed -Iowa, Brown's station, Clinton county, to Brown. Postmaster commissioned: Catharine A Sing, Baltimore, Dak.

Railroad

sociates, is the same man who has been arrested for participating in the robbery of the grave of Mrs. Hoyt, at Sycamore I).

Personal Gossip.

Sunday, the 5th, at the House of Hope church St. Paul Dr. D. R Breed, the pastor, after his sermon announced that, as previusly stated, the congregation was five thousand dollars in arrears in payment for the extensive additions to the building completed in 1883. H- was of opinion that completed in 1883. He was of opinion that the time was ripe for clearing the debt and called Hon. Alexander Ramsey to the cheir, Mr. C. H. Bigelow acting assecretary. The chairman felicitously set forth the small-ness of the debt a compared with the abil-ity for payment and headed the sub crip-tion with two hundred and firty dollars. O.hers followed to a gratifying extent and more than two thirds of the \$5000 more was pledged in a few moments and the bal ance alterwards.

John Erwin Nevin, editor of the Pittsburg Leader, died at his home in Sewickley on the morning of the 5th inst., st 11:45, after a protracted illness with Brigh'a disease. Col. Nevin was torty-six years of age, and 'eaves a wife and four children. Meetings of the Grand Army and press will be held to take action on his death.

It is stated that Minister Lowell was notified by the department of state that his acceptance of the rectorship of St. Andrews was regarded as an act inconsistent with his obligations as the representative of the American government at a foreign court.

Young, seventeeth wife of the late prophet, Brigham, died at Salt Lase of blood personing in her fortieth year. Sixteen mourning widows still survive the prophet, fourteen of whom live in Salt Lake.

Gen. Grant, who cannot yet walk on his crutches, is able to say that the report that he is an enemy of President Artnur is a eternally lost lie.

Belle Euglish of Cincinnati, after going to the supreme court, has secured a verdict of \$2 500 against her father, for declaring her illegitimate.

Mrs. Lucretia E. Patterson, wife of ex-Senator John J. Patterson o South Caro-lina, died of heart disease at Omaha.

Senator Anthony soes to the congressional library daily, and appears to be in as good tealth as as ever.

Alden Speare of Boston has given \$40,000 to found a professorship in Boston university.

Casualty Record.

By the fire at St. Louis on the 5th inst. the carpet house of Resenthal & Co., received greater damage than at first thought. Their stock estimated at \$90,000-and damaged, principal v by water, perhaps to the extent of \$20,000-was insured for \$6,300. Another fi e between 3 and 4 o'clock the same morning destroyed four or five little shops and frame residences on thouteau

avenue, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets. Total loss about \$10,000; insured for \$7.000. The beautiful new Park theater at Cleve-

land, O., built to be fire-proof, burned on the 5th inst. The fire is said to have origithe 5th inst. The ure is said to have origi-nated on the stage, from a lamp explosion. The loss perhaps is \$200.000; partially in-sured. George Adam's Humpty Dumpty company lose \$8 000 to \$9,000 worth of property. The First Pr shyterian church adjoining was damaged \$20,000; insured for \$32 (90). The park theater loss is variously interacted at \$75,000 to \$240 0 (0; insurance estimated at \$75,000 to \$2:0,000; insurance \$40.000.

Morgan Machainer, a railroad ticket agent of the Connotton Valley at Hartville, Ohio, was killed by a spring gun which he had set to catch a ticket thief.

The main bail ling of the county jail at Columbus, Onio, was burned. Forty-five persons were trausferred to the city prison. None escaped.

During the intense cold of Friday morning a little girl whose home was near Potts dam, was in zan to death while on her way to school.

Alice Major and Sarah Maraden of Forty

pieces. A leg and arm were thrown a great distance. Shreds of fl sh were found hang-ing on trees. The report was heard all ever Neuilly.

Mr. Parnell is seriously embarrassed over the resignation of John Daly, member of parii ament for Cork. Daly had been ranked as a Home Ruler, but his resignation com-rlates the evidence against him as a deserter from the ranks.

Charles O. Sintley, the well-known baritone, and Elizabeth Innes, a wealthy American, were married in London San day the 6th.

Miscellaneous News Items.

The weather review for December 1883, a St. Paul shows a slight departure in the mean temperature for the past eleven De-cembers. The mean temperature last month was 19.8 d giees, and the verage for the past eleven months was 19 degrees. Warner months of December were had in 1775, 1877, and 1881. The Decembers of 1873, 1874, 1878, and 1882, were slibly cool 1873, 1874, 1878 and 1882 were slightly cooler, while these of 1876, 1879 and 1880 were decided y colder. The average rainfall during the past eleven Decembers was 1.26 is ch, while the precipitation of last month amounted to 1.56 inches.

The democratic members of the Ohio legislature caucused for officers the 5th inst., resulting: Sanate-Etmer White, Defiance county, president pro tem; C. N. Vallandingham, Montgomery, Clerk: Charles Neg-ley, sergeant-at-arms, House-A. D. Marsh, speaker; David Fisher, Hard n, elerk; J. M. Penist-r, Ross, serg-ant-at-arms. This is the slate of the Payne men.

The first biennial report of the lowa state auditor under the recent law, making June 3) instead of Oct. 1 the end of the fiscal period, has been m de. The total receipts were \$2 677,812.14, including a talance of \$178,551.74 on hand Oct. 1, 18-1. The dis-hursements for the same period were \$2,5%. Surface the state period were $\varphi_{1,0}$ to $\varphi_{2,0}$ and $\varphi_{2,0}$ and

Putman & Phelps of Boston have assigned all their joint and separate estates for the benefit of their creditors. I iabilities, \$275,-000; assets, \$225 000, consisting of personal property in and about the tannery, unencumbered real estate and tannery build.

At Santa Fe in the case of the Palo Cattle company against ex-Senator Dorsey, the chief justice has dissolved the receivership, obtained by Mr. Dorsey and returned the property and business to the compasy, The case involved \$800,000 worth of property, and was closely contested.

The failure of Dietrich & Co., wholesale bag and canvas manufacturers, San Francisco, is announced. Liabilities, \$376,-000; assets, \$348,000. They owe in New York.

Anthony Comstock is arresting New York liquor dealers who display a Fiper Heidsick advertising placque with a decollette fe-male on it.

George Rothmuller, editor of the New York Figaro, has been sued for \$200,000 lib I by Gustave Amberg of the Thalia the-

A. B. Anderson, jeweler, Milwaukee, has made an assignment to Conrad Carlson. Liabilities \$35,000, and assets \$15,000.

Tae deaths in Chicago for the year just ended were 11,555, cholera infantum leading with 751.

St. Paul's building record for the year aggregates 3,567 buildings, costing \$8 240,450. Philadelphia banks pay \$10,090,000 of semi annual dividends th s month.

Memphis has funded \$3,500,000, of her \$5,000,000 debt.

Putnam & Phelps, Boston, assign for \$275, 600.

Philadelphia built 3,737 new buildings last year.

Jerome Norris, butcher of Helena, has failed.

Portland, Oreg., claims 25,336 population.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Monday January 7.

SENATE. - Reconvend after the holiday reess. Little business was done by yond the introduction of bills of minor importance, resolutions calling on cabinet officers for information and the consideration of the new rules; that authorizing the president of the senate to designate a substitute to act three days being adopted.

Senator Gibson of La, introduced a bill to executive session. facilitate reform of the civil service, providing for the repeal of all laws limiting the tenure of office of United States district attorneys, justices or supreme courts of territories, surveyors general of public lands, collectors of cu toms, naval officers and sur-veyors of ports of entry, and such officers veyors of pris of entry, and such officers shall be appointed by the president, subject to the approval of the senate, and be re-newed at the pleasure of the president. It also provides that such officers furnish bonds every two years, and renew their ex-piration papers. The president shall, at the opening of congress, subjuit to the senate the terms of sub-officer subjuicts of the senate the names of such office Is removed by him, with reasons for removal in each case

The following nominations were sant to the senate: J. A. Leopard, consul at Calentta

United States consuls-Robert I. Stevens, Palermo; B. livar J. Pridgen, Piedras Ne Frank H. Mason, Marseilles; Juan L. Kaine, Wisconsin, Cognac; George Gifford,

M chael H. Fitch, California, receiver of public moneys, Pheblo, Colo.; Thomas Wrong, Kausas, receiver of pu lic mon ys. Concordia, Kausas; Adolphus G. Leming, Arkansas, register of the land office at Dardenells.

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Rauben A. Allen, Obio, sgent of the Indians o Blackteet agency, Mostaus.
Postmaste s-H. Kemper, Perham, Minn.;
S. G. Worthington, Little Falts, Minn.;
O. B I. King, Harlan, Iowa; Jonathan Maxson, West Liberty, Iows; P. O. Babc.cck, Monticello, Iowa; E. Caviller, Pembina, Dak. Dak.

T . e senate confirmed:

George R. Sige, United States district judge, soumern district of Onic; William A. Woods, United States district judge for Iudiana; James R. Holloweit, United States district attorney of Kansas; William J. G. Albrat I, associate justice of the supreme court of Montana; A. W. Smilton, Mary-land, associate justice of the supreme court of Argund Lagrand Construction and the supreme court of Anzona; John G. Gosmann of N oraska, Indian agent for the Crow and Creek Indiaus, Lower Brule agency. Distots; Andrew Mason. New York, superintendent of the assay office at New York; Frank J. Clausen, Louisiana, metter and refiner of the mint at New Orleans.

BOUSE -Bills were introduced increasing pensious and to otherwise benefit soldiers and sailors of the late war; regulating interstate commerce; authorizing the president to retaliate against countries which prohibit the importation of American cattle or swike; against lottery advertisements in newspapers; amending the Chinese mmigra-tion act; for the construction of t e mennepin canal; for bridges across the Mississippi, Mis ouri and other rivers; repeating the law requiring publication of notices be-fore making final proof of nomestead entries; repealing tonnage duties on certain Ame i-can and foreign vessels; protecting innocent purchases of patent ments; for alloument of lands in severalty to ludians; abols sing the tax on tobacco; extending internal revenue, and custom cistrics; preventing un-due contraction of the currency; patting lumper on the free lisi; for a public building at Winons; prohibiting the issue of treasury and bank notes of smaller denominations than \$10; reducing the duty on

Tuesday, January S.

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SENATE .- Sec. etary L'ncoin sent to the enate a list of the offi ers of the army a resent on detached service. The total of bsentees from their regiments foots up 341. Of these for y four are at West Point, and hity seven on sick leave. Many of them

are on staff on y. The new rul s were discussed. A special

With regard to the work of the committee on commerce, Mr M Millan said that duron commerce, Mr M Millian said-that dur-ing the last congress it made charge reports on a greet variety of thijects. The mer-chant marine had not been neglested. With regard to the river and harber hill, he thought it one of the mist used an bene-ficial bills that congress his to deal with, and criticisms made on river and harbor. bills would apply to other bills also. The proposition which was to create an international improvament commisse to take away the jurisdiction of the commerce committee over river and harbor bills, was not acted upon when it came time to go into

HOUSE .- From the very warm discussion over the preliminary disposition of the president's message and the report of the Mississippi river commission in both houses . of congress it is evident that congress will find some other work besides unkering with the tariff. The house devoted almost the entire day to the question of reference. Three committees claimed jurisdiction on this subject—R agan's committee on com-merce. Willis' committee on this subject-K-sgan's COMMAtee on com-merce. Willis' committee on com-rivers and harbors, and King's committee on Mischsippi river im-provement and levees. The gest of the fight lay in the supposition that the refer-ence to the King committee meant what the president recommended—a separate bill and a liceral appropriation for the Mi-sissioni. A warm context of works for site sissippi. A warm contest of words for sir-premacy over this important measure was the result. Over this important measure was the result. Over three nours of the session were used up in disposing of the matter, several roll calls being taken botter it was finally settled in favor of the committee on rivers and harbors.

rivers and harbors. Resolutions were adopted instructing the proper committees to in quire into the ad-vise builty of retainatory recisiation against countries which exclude American meats. A bill for the relief of Gen. Fig John Por-ter was reported. The secretary of the trees of the mean of \$15 mm ury asked for an appropriation of \$15.000 for printing \$1 and \$2 treasury notes. Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Herr Lasker of Germany Wile adopted.

Thursday, January 10.

SENATE -Bills were introduced for the etablishment of a United State poetal teley graph company; prohibiting the mailing of newspayers containing lettery advertise ments to equaliza soldiers' bounties; for the construction of the Hennepin canal. Correspondence was laid before the senate show-ing a bad side of affairs in the Y. Howstone. ling a bad side of allairs in the Y flowstone-park. The r solution requising the scre-tary of the interior to suspend the issue of land patents or certificates to the New Or-teans Pac fi Rairoad company until con-gress investigates was adopted. The new rules were debated, and the clause in rule 20 rocycling for a computing on higher line. providing for a committee on internal im-provements was stricken out. Van Wyck of Nebraska called up his reco-

lution to direct the secretary of the interior to abstain from issuing certificates or patents to abstain from issuing certificates or patents to the New Orleans & P. cific Railway com-pany. Mr. Ingails of Kansss thought if would be better to "request" the action than to "direct" it. This brought out Van Wyck in bio strangest table. He deduces that the to "nirect" it. This brought out with Wyck in his strongest style. He declared that the supreme court of the United States had dis c)vered that only the cons ituion and the desire of a land grant railroad was the inevitable and irresistable law of the country. He proposed to questio, the right of the roads to supreme authority. HOUSE.-A joint resolution was introduced

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for the immediate appropriation of \$10,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi river. Adjourned till the 14 h.

Minnesota State Prison Fire.

The Sash, Door and Blind Shop of the Northwestern Car Company, Burned at Stillwater.

At about 10 o'clock Thursday night the 7th fire w s discovered inside the prison wall in the sash door and bludshop, and almost instantly swept through the whole building, embracing pattern, hard wood and wagon shops and boiler room. The flimes then swept ov r the engine, blacksmith and cooper shops and all were consumed and total loss. By strenvous efforts of the fire de sutment the building containing a large amount of valuable mouldings and manufactured lumber was saved; also the castings. The ceilr ooms were not injured. and the prisoners all rem fined in their c-lis. The other buildings within were savedthe machine, paint and boiler shops and foundry. The fire was under control at 12:30. The cause of the fire is unknown. The state loss on builtings and Northwest-ern Maruficturing & Car chaptury on stock are all cov-red by insurance. The building burned was owned by the state. The fire caught in the woo - working shops of the peni entiary lying west of the engine and beiler room, cooper shop, black-smith shop and kolt room, and started in the glazing room. and sharted in the ghard control 2 and started in the ghard 2 aroun. The pottions destroyed are the new shops erected in 1882. The inspectors for the State have insurance on the space and all room. buildings to the amount of \$50 0 0. When the fire burst out and show d its magnin te the warden and his assistants c ained the convicts together in gaugs and convorstogener in gangs and e ned out the State militia, who responded under Capt. Merry, fity strong. The convicts were very docide and no stampede occurred. There was no occasion for removing the convicts from the building, and nothing was done save to take the men out of the Red and D puty Warden Hall were cool and m saged the men excellently. The Northwestern Manufacturing & Car company owned some of the mach hery and the stock on hand. Their loss will foot and the store of mail. They describe the store of the sto 007

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New York, Special: Wall street has witnessed the last year a great shrinkage in the value of the railroad stocks quoted at the New York exchange. The total net depreciation of thirty-four stocks is \$229,966,-181. The three Villard stocks lead the list with a depreciation of \$65,159,768. The five stocks known as Gould stocks come Eve stocks shown as Gould stocks come next, with \$38,204 9 0. The union and Central Pacifics and Denver aggregate \$36 -042,927. The Vanderbilt stocks have de-preciated \$25,887,597. The roads center-ing at Chicago show a depreciation of \$25, 279 715. The coal stocks present a much better showing then exceeded and the tabul better showing than expected, and the total net depreciation of the four roads was only \$4,366,422. Miscellaneous railroads and \$4,366,422. Miscellaneous rainers of the Pacific Mail make up the ralatice of the Pacific Mail make the leading rail-\$34.017.882. How much the leading railroad operators and sockholders, such as Vanderbilt, Gould, Villard and other , have lost by the depreciation will probably never be accurately known; but, trom the holdings they have frequently said they pos-sessed, an estimate can be made by the reader of their losses.

The first annual meeting of the stock holders of the Dubuque & Northwestern was held at Dubuque recently. The old board of directors was re-elected without opposition. Work on the new road will be commenced early in the spring, and will be pushed with vigor. Offers of aid are numerous (rom counties along the probate route, Great satisfaction is felt in Dubuque that the old board, in which the public has entire confidence, was continued. The election of officers will be held in a few days.

Crimes and Criminals.

At Sycamore, Ill., two supposed grave robbers, Wateman and Shinkle, were arraigned the 6th, waived au examination and were committed in default of bond. Although abundantly able to procure bail they considered it safer behind protecting they considered it safer behind protecting walls out of harm's way. Another shock ing robbery has been discovered at Rochelle, The sheriff, while searching a college in Chicago for the corpse of old Mrs. Hoyt, discovered the body of a young girl. An investigation of graves at Rochelle proved the body to be that of Miss Craft, an old schoolmate friend of Shinkle's. Hall and Coffey, the first parties arrested, have been released, it being proves that they were only teamsters, and have given valuable in.orteamsters, and have given valuable in.or. | sum of \$4,000. mation.

the Cornell crew when it went to Europe, and was charged with selling out his as-

Fort, Pa., highly connected, were drowned while skating.

The Montreat Fertilizing company's warehouse burned Sunday, the 6th. Loss, \$3 !,-0.0; insured.

The Isabella Furnace company's crusher at Coketon, Pa., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$20 000.

A family of eight negroes were burned to death in North Carolina.

Foreign Items of News.

Gilbert & Sullivan's new opera, The Princess Ids, was produce i on the night of the 5th in the Savory theater London, which was crowded. The audience was the most brilliant of the season, and the performance a triumph for the authors and management The music dislogue and scenery were rapt-turoasly as plaused. Critics proneurced the music as fine as anything that Su livan has composed. The principal artists and Gilbert Sullivan and D'Oyley Carte were called before t e cursin at the close o, the performance and received an ovati n. ago.

The Gladstone government is at last cornered on the Egyptian question. The realittes shirked so long have to be face]. The ministry has been so thoreughly awakened to the emergency of the hour that the members of the c binet were summoned to Lon-don by telegraph, and Sir Chailes Dike, who had gone to the South of France, could not reach Downing street in time. It is now clear that the Mahdi must be fought, and by English troops, or Eappt must be completely and immediately evacuated.

The death of Lasker elicited general expressions of regret in Berlin. Liberal journals refer to the great services he rendered the state by co-op rating in the enactment of imperial laws affecting justice and trade. And in exposung the corruct practices of joint stock companies. Preparations are

A well-to-do tradesman committed suicide Newton J. Shinkle, who was captain of in the B is de Boulogne, Paris. He placed around his neck a flexible iron tube filled building that it was e with explosives, and was liter.lly blown to National convention.

Retaliating Upon France.

P. H. K 1 y of St. Paul, received on the 7th inst., a telegram from armour & Co., Chicago, requesting him to send a telegraphic message to Washington impressing upon the Minnesota delegation in congress the importance of a repeal of the French prohibition of pork, and asking the co-operation with other western members in a movement to pass retaliatory measures at once Mr. K. Ily, when ssted what he thought of the retatiating plan, said in his view the proper course to take was to ex lude from America all French wines and tabrics which are not up to a proper standard. A repreentative from the firm of Besupre, Keoga & Co. took a similar vi w of the surject, but added in an aside that Armour pretty well loaded up with pork, and was naturally anxious to have something naturally anxious to have something done o help him out. This movement on the part of Armour and his friends is probably in support of a resolution of inquiry introduced in congress two or three days

Lieut. Henry Romeyn, Fifth Infantry, stationed at Fort Keogh, M. T. appeared on the 9th before the retiring board, that met at head quarters, Fort Snelling, for the purpose of being examined with a view to his being retired.

The tuneral of identified victims of the convent fire who were residents of Belleville, Ill., took place on the 10th.

Secretary of State Von Baumbach is in very poor health, and his physicians recommend a few months of Bohemian springs. The secretary seriously contemplates the European trip prescribed.

Mackey paid a Monte Christo price for six gailons of fifty-nine year old whisky, «f which he sent two gallous to President Arthur and a like amount to Bob ingersoll.

The Cardinal McCloskey golden jubilee fund, with which to erect a marble pulpit in St. P trick's cathedral, New York, amounts to \$10,000.

A year ago the Chicago city counsel placed a rental of \$10,000 per year on the site occupied by the Exposition building, where the National Republican convention was held tour years ago. Alt efforts to compromise the claim having failed, the mayor has notified the Expo-ition compary to vacate the pr mises. It was in this building that it was expected to hold the

m M ssissij pi river improvement.

Provision should be made not only at once he says, but sufficiently for the undertaking. The Hennepin canal is also inc uded in the recommendation, but not in the positive sp rit with which the other scheme is treated Commerce, including, first of all, the important transit of wheat from the upper valley, and cotton from the lower valley, is the capital argument advanced, and really the only one necessary

The lollowing nominations were confirmed:

Postmasters-Lewis G. Worthington, Little Fals, Minn.; H. Kemper, Perham, Minn.

Receivers of public moneys-James Braden, Indiana, Wala Wala, Wesh; Ar-thur J. Shaw, Lewiston, Idabo; Charles F. Gardae, Sacramento, Cal.; T. J. Sherwood, Marysville, Cal.

Registers land offic --Jeremiab D. Hyde, Visane, Cal.; John C. Bradley, Marysville, Cal.; David Walker, Bodie, Cal.

The secate discussed the new rules at great length.

HOUSE-Bills and resolutions w re intro duced appr priating, immediately, \$1 600,-000 for Mississippi river improvement; putting salt, wood, lumber and other articles on the free list; limiting the arcount of pub-lic land to be acquired by aliens; to pur-chase trade dollars with fractional coins; for free ship material, and authorizing the purchase of foreign-built ships by citizens of the United States; prohibiting the importat on of foreign labor; reducing the salari s of heads of departments; for a pub lic building at La Crosse; or the admission of the state of Was ington; extending the money order system to the state of all counties having 2,000 inhabitants. Several constitutional amendments were proposed.

Wednesday, January 9.

SENATE .- In the senate the same discus sion about the rules was continued. Mr Frye threw some spice into the dall mon otony of the cull proceedings, by an attack up n the commerce committee, which he said should have something better to do than spending its time in distributing a proper proportion of river and harbor money to each con-gressional district. He declared that the shipping of the country demanded some at-tention which had deel ned since 1861. This Senator Vest took to be a refl ction up on the confederancy, and was netiled to a characteristic speech. Senator McMillan defended the commerce committee He said there was much difference of cpinion in regard to such dues and it was nor clear that they should be abolished.

The contract for the office work of the First National bank of St. Paul was in the hands of the Northwestern company and the loss on this alone will be \$4,0 40.

The i surance of the state on the portion fhurned is about \$12,000. The loss by the state on the portion of the penitentiary burned will foot up about \$75,(9).

The Ecston Journal puts an evident ruism very concisely when it says: The modern weather prophet, of the Vennor-Wiggins type, exists chiefly for the purpose of beguiling the public into the purchase of his almanaes

Rev. Dr. A. A. Watson of Washington. N. C., has been unanimously elected Bishop of the new Episcopal Diocese by the convention at New Berne.

Mr. Huntington, the railroad million-, aire, is put do an as worth \$50,000,000. He is 65 years old and has no family of his own blood. An adopted daughter is the sole heiress.